Funding Opportunity: Television Variety Show to Support English Language Education Funding Opportunity Number: SCAKAB-16-CA-011-SCA-04122016 Questions and Answers

Question 1: Should the show be produced primarily in Dari with English instruction, or should it be produced entirely in English?

Answer: Dari should be the medium of programming. English should be treated as a foreign language in the series. Embassy representatives may ask for English translations of scripts during the pre-production process.

Question 2: Do you require that the programs be filmed in Afghanistan, or can they be produced in the U.S. or some other country that has a significant Afghani population?

Answer: Filming should be performed in Afghanistan, and use a combination of instudio and location shooting.

Question 3: Is the English instruction intended to be at the introductory level, intermediate, advanced, or a bit of all three?

Answer: The English instruction should be targeted at a beginner's level for audiences aged 15-25.

Question 4: Which broadcast format is used in Afghanistan, and does Hi-Def exist in Afghanistan or are the programs to be delivered in Standard Def?

Answer: Afghanistan is a country in transition. Some programming is HD and some is standard definition. Afghan television is not yet digital-only transmission, and people who receive digital reception receive it from satellite. HD televisions are generally limited to urban audiences. Embassy preference is a product filmed in HD.